

**COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION**  
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

**Chairman:** Mr. Steve C. Davis, District No. 8

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON WATER AND SANITATION**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday, May 10, 2004**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 7:28 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Steve C. Davis, Council Member District No. 8, Chairman; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Council Member District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mr. Dennis L. Fish, Council Member District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio; Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Mr. Milton Farley, Council Member District No. 1, was excused from this meeting.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

*During periods of discussion and/or presentations, minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased.*

Chairman Steve Davis called the meeting to order and asked for approval of minutes from the Committee on Water and Sanitation Meeting held April 12, 2004.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Pinckney and seconded by Council Member Fish to approve the minutes as presented. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

With no objection from the Committee, the order in arrangement of Agenda Items was adjusted.

**A. J. Marc Hehn, Director, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority (BCWSA),** Re: Recommendation Grievance Committee Member.

Mr. Marc Hehn stated a recommendation for nomination of Mark Schlievert to replace Joe Idleman on the BCWSA Grievance Committee.

It was moved by Council Member Pinckney and seconded by Council Member Charles Davis to approve Mr. Hehn's nomination of Mark Schlievert to replace Joe

Idleman on the BCWSA Grievance Committee. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

**B. Review prior to Second Reading of Bill No. 04-35, an ordinance** providing for the adoption of fiscal year 2004-2005 (**beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005**) **budgets** for the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority and the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority Solid Waste Fund; establishing operational, debt service, and capital improvement budgets for water and sewer; and to provide for the expenditures of revenues coming into the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority and the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority Solid Waste Fund during the fiscal year, and to amend the Code of Ordinances, Berkeley County, South Carolina, setting rates, charges and penalties for Water and Sewer and Solid Waste Service by the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority.

It was moved by Council Member Spooner and seconded by Council Member Pinckney to approve, prior to Second Reading, Bill No. 04-35.

In discussion, Council Member Crosby stated the proposed budget was \$2,951,388 more than last year's budget, a ten percent increase, and questioned the management of these funds. Increases were in the Waste Treatment Area.

Mr. Hehn stated management had reviewed the budget. Increases were due to the tremendous amount of growth and the attempt to stay ahead of that growth to avoid capacity problems with water, sewer and solid waste.

Council Member Crosby stated that five percent of the increase was for salary increases.

Mr. Lee Moulder stated BCWSA had the same experience with insurance increases (property and workers compensation), as did the County.

Council Member Crosby stated reference was made to salaries only, and if insurance was also considered, costs would reflect a seven percent increase rather than five percent.

Mr. Hehn stated the GIS position was less than the County's position, and plans were to equalize that, as well as adjustments made to the salaries of heavy equipment and scale house operators at the landfill.

Council Member Crosby questioned the justification for an increase in solid waste fees and water tap fees.

Mr. Moulder responded that justification for an increase was in the rate study that was presented to Council at the budget workshop. The rate study package projected the

anticipated tonnage to be taken in by BCWSA, expansion costs for additional cells over the next five to six years, and closure costs that have not been escrowed.

Supervisor Rozier recommended another workshop be held to discuss any questions Council had regarding the BCWSA budget, in order to be made aware of definitive reasons for all increases.

The Committee agreed to meet Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. It was also agreed that all questions be e-mailed to Mr. Hehn (with a copy sent to Council Member Steve Davis), to allow for an informed presentation in addressing concerns.

The motion was passed by majority voice vote of the Committee. Council Member Crosby voted, "nay".

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Council Member Spooner and seconded by Council Member Crosby to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the County; or the receipt of legal advice covered by the attorney – client privilege. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The Committee on Water and Sanitation entered into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m., and returned to Committee Session at 7:58 p.m.

Mr. David Jennings, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority Attorney, reported that the Committee entered into Executive Session for the reasons stated in the motion. No formal action was taken.

It was moved by Council Member Pinckney and seconded by Council Member Spooner to adjourn the Committee on Water and Sanitation Meeting. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

June 14, 2004  
Date Approved

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**A G E N D A**

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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May 5, 2004  
S/Barbara B. Austin  
Clerk of County Council